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Train No.	FOREST CITY TRAIN SERVICE.	Depart
27	For Council Bluffs and Omaha from St. Louis and St. Joseph.	8:05 a.m.
41	For Lincoln, Denver, Colorado and Pacific Coast from Kansas City and St. Joseph.	9:30 p.m.
15	For Lincoln, Denver, Colorado and Pacific Coast from Kansas City and St. Joseph.	1:21 p.m.
21	For Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis from Kansas City and St. Joseph.	2:28 p.m.
A 43	For Tarkio and Nodaway Valley branches from St. Joseph.	5:15 p.m.
23	For Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis from St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph.	1:29 a.m.
A 91	Way freight north bound.	9:33 a.m.
A 46	For St. Joseph from Villisca and Nodaway and Tarkio Valley branches.	9:33 a.m.
22	To St. Joseph and Kansas City from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and Council Bluffs.	2:52 a.m.
29	To St. Joseph and Kansas City from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and Council Bluffs.	12:55 p.m.
26	To St. Joseph and St. Louis from Omaha and Council Bluffs.	8:32 p.m.
A 92	Way freight south bound.	3:05 p.m.

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FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Commencement Exercises of the Oregon High School.

If there is anything in our beautiful little city that our people are proud of, it is the Oregon public schools. They are indeed a credit to the city and show to the world the tone and character of the people who make up this community. We venture that no schools in the state are in a more flourishing condition, and we are confident a more energetic or capable corps of teachers could not be found—always awake to the needs of the pupils, ever on the alert to find means by which to benefit the schools, and always endeavoring to discover the never and more simple methods of instruction, that the student may more rapidly progress.

The twenty-fourth annual commencement of the Oregon High school, consisted of a lengthy, but highly interesting program of literary and musical numbers. The 10 members of the class of '03, which is the largest but one, that of '97, that ever completed the course, were the principal participants. The exercises marked the completion of nearly a quarter of a century's successful management of the Oregon High school, during which time it has come to be the pride of the city and its promoters, a favored school of the colleges and universities throughout this section, and almost without a peer among county seat towns of Missouri.

It is in such classes as the class of '03 that we find the manifestation of the great propitious service this school is rendering the community and the excellent character of its curriculum and discipline. Its management has been marked by the most careful wisdom, and among its teachers, past and present, are found some of the most prominent educators of the state.

The exercises that crowned the completion of this, the past year's work, were creditable to each and every member of the class and participant, and were as interesting as a commencement program could reasonably have been. The productions, though some of course excellent, were on an average far above the common level of High school orations and essays, in point of logic, originality and rhetoric. The average delivery, too, was expressive and did justice to the subject matter. Both the preparation and the presentation of these productions displayed the happy effect of careful and able training upon active

youthful intellect. Under the direction of Superintendent Coburn, and the principal, Miss Bennett, assisted by Prof. Lutman, together with the other talented teachers, a manifestation of broadened mental capacity in the young has been made possible, of which all may be justly proud.

The closing exercises began on Friday evening last, when the scholars representing the lower grades under the management of Mrs. Payne and Misses Kaucher, Noland and Schulte, entertained our people with a charming program rendered admirably by the army of the little "tots," of their respective rooms. Room No. 3, in charge of Miss Noland presented the Figaro Ring Drill, in which there were 13 participants. Room No. 4 in charge of Miss Neelach, presented the Ribbon Drill in which 16 scholars took part. Representatives of rooms 1, 2 and 3, conducted by Mrs. Payne and Misses Kaucher and Schulte presented Red Riding Hood, a very pleasing and fascinating cantata. The leading character was represented by Grace Coleman; Grandmother by Blanche Markland; Mother, Eliza Musser; the Wolf, Beryl Kunkel; Anthony, Clyde Ruley; Peter, Charles Stout; Jennie, Annie Curry; Mary Ann, Pansy Lyon; Patrick, Beryl Kunkel. The Hunters, Gypsies and Villagers were made up from rooms 1 and 2. Miss Hazel Kearney represented the Gypsy Queen, and made an ideal character. The play was charmingly rendered and every one went home delighted with the evening's entertainment.

On Saturday evening, members of the High school gave a dramatic entertainment at Sterrett's opera house. They presented the very pleasing five act comedy entitled "The Deacon." From beginning to end, there was no dragging, but each and every member of the company not only had complete control of their lines, but each knew their "business," and did it well. There was much amateur dramatic talent shown on the part of several, and had we only a creditable opera house and stage their admirable work would have shown to better advantage. The cast of characters were assigned to Misses Lillian Price, Charlene Russell, Addie Pailbrick, Mabel Dillon, Emma Price, Esther Loucks, Messrs. Ray Stout, Minton Payne, Bliss Bailey, Milton Moore, Monte Roecker, Samuel Hibbard, Lowell Petree.

The commencement exercises of our High school began on Sunday forenoon at the Presbyterian church. President E. B. Craighead, of Warrensburg State Normal delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to a large and intelligent audience—The church was crowded to its very capacity. The class of '03 was seated in the front row of seats, and immediately in front of the speaker. The music was of the very highest order. Mrs. Maude Zachman presided at the instrument, and the singing was by Misses Kiplinger sisters, Stock, Mrs. George Letmer and Messrs. Proud, Schulte brothers and Kunkel. President Craighead was introduced by Superintendent Coburn. Mr. Craighead is a forceful speaker, with a fine voice, and an earnestness that impresses his hearers. His general theme was a discussion of the purpose of life and character building. That these were of greater importance than the greed for gold. He referred to the crags and peaks, the rock covered hills of New England, unproductive as they were yet the influence of New England was felt throughout the entire country. Virginia with her unproductive hills had given us the best of literature and great men. It was the intelligence of our men and women that made us great rather than wealth. Missouri could produce more of the necessities of life than all England, yet Missouri never gave us a Shakespeare. It was not so much what we have to do as what we have to overcome. Missouri gave us a Field and Twain, and they left our state to realize a fuller appreciation of their talents, yet their influence for good was far greater than all the wealth produced by the hogs, cattle, etc., of Saline county, or all the booting in St. Louis and Jeff-

erson City. It was the desire to accumulate wealth—greed sent out many of the young men into the world with inferior education, therefore it behooves women to become educated for the sake of her home influence—it was the essential to family life. The address throughout was listened to with marked attention, and all feel gratified at the intellectual treat they were given by Mr. Craighead's coming.

Monday afternoon was Class Day and the graduates, Misses Etta Greene, Jennie Carr, Amy Hassness, Maude Partridge Myrtle French, Mae Zachman, Messrs. John Curtis, "Dolph Kunkel, Jess- Smith and Edgar Crampton were seated upon the rostrum in the M. E. church. The rostrum was beautifully decorated in the class colors, old rose and green, carried out in flowers and ribbon. These exercises consisted of two orations, "The Hero of San Juan," by John Cottier Curtis, and "America's Future" by the Class Orator, William Edgar Crampton, Essays "Our Martyred Presidents" Maude Ethel Partridge, "Human Progress" Etta Froua Greene and "Success Wrought From the Chaos of Failure," Jennie Mae Carr; Class History, Myrtle Effie French; Class Poem, Martha Mae Zachman and Class Prophecy, Amelia Blanche Hassness. Thorpe's orchestra rendered several pieces during the afternoon and Monday evening in the same place. The graduating exercises closed the program of this several days duration. The Salutatory and Oration, "The New South," was given by Jesse William Smith, Valedictory and Oration, "The Greatness of Character," by Adolph Earl Kunkel. After the opening exercises and just before the commencement address and presentation of diplomas by Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the University of Nebraska, and while the orchestra was playing "The Holy City" in soft mellow strains, an usher was seen to enter the door with an armful of American Beauty Roses, he proceeded to the rostrum and in turn presented one of the Beauties to each of the graduates. This was a remembrance from their teacher, B. F. Lutman, who was compelled to leave his class before the exercises to accept another position in school work. This was indeed a beautiful scene and the appreciation of the audience was shown by their applause. The address of Mr. Andrews was on "Culture" and was ably handled by this great educator.

The address had the excellent qualities of brevity, clearness, brilliancy and depth of thought. He spoke about 45 minutes and said as much as most speakers would say in an hour and a half. He was easily understood, plain and logical. Every work was a jewel of thought and truth.

He developed the fact that our education and culture is based on the use we make of the world about us. The natural world with its sun, stars, skies, earth, fields, flowers, with its animated nature. The world of art and literature all brought within the reach of the most humble, supply the means of culture and refinement. God is revealed on every hand and all we have to do is to open our eyes and see Him; to drink in His beauty and grandeur. At the close of the address President Andrews delivered the diplomas to the graduates. Prof. Coburn also made a short but impressive address. The professor deserves high praise for the handsome way he has managed the school matters this year. The rare treats our people have enjoyed because of his enterprise, has won high praise for Professor Coburn as a wide-awake educator.

After these exercises an Alumni banquet was given by this year's class at the Hotel Woodland, some 60 of the Alumni being present and enjoying the many good things prepared by Landlord Bullock.

The graduating exercises of the eighth grade were held in the Presbyterian church, Monday morning of this week. The church was tastefully decorated with potted plants—upon the platform were the following, who will be entitled to enter the H. S. Freshman class next year: Fred Cook, Hazel Morris, Mary Moore, Brady Sipes, Charles Tritt, Fred Philbrick, Corbin Markland, Emma Kennedy, Emil Martin, Pansy Lyon, Bonnie Greene, Charles Stout, Beulah Stephenson, Grace Coleman, Ray Foster and Virgil Musser.

These exercises were very entertaining and instructive. Misses Bonnie Greene and Beulah Stephenson recited two of our fellow townsman, E. A. Welty's poems, and were presented with the works by the author. Jude Alkire presented the diplomas in behalf of the school board.

Among those from a distance who saw "The Deacon" at the opera house, Friday evening, we noticed Earl Karos, Albert Loucks and Anna York, Mound City; Minnie Wylie, Katie and Will Fitzmaurice, Forest City; Mrs. E. V. Harding, Mattie and Lizzie Feitz, J. C. Pitts and family, St. Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. Aut Curry, Omaha; Geo. Poynter, Bigelow.

Thorpe's orchestra did splendid work throughout commencement week, and their music was not only of a high order, but well selected and admirably rendered.

The closing exercises of the colored school were held last Thursday night, 23rd inst, at Sterrett's opera house.

The program consisted of recitations and music. Recitations were rendered by Hoyt Enox, Harold Tahl, Mattie and Lee Tabors, Mattie McFadden, Fred Jabers, Addie Welton, Grace and Hazel Willis, Ethel Powell, Rosie, Bess, Ora and Hattie Molden, Cora Guthery, Opal Hayes, Marie Hayes, Ada Enox, Kenneth Welch, Ernest Stith. Solos were rendered by Hazel Willis and Ora Molden, also a duet. A short address was made by Rev. H. J. Guthery. The program was concluded by a beautiful flag drill with 16 girls and boys. Music was furnished by Miss Pauline Warren, of Savannah. The program was highly enjoyed by all. The proceeds were used to pay for an organ for the school.

"Hello Central."

—Mrs. Mathew Geivin is improving very slowly.

—There was a large crowd at Sunday school, Sunday.

—A number of the farmers have begun planting corn.

—Grandma Kurtz hasn't been very well the last few days.

—Grace Hershner stopped over in Oregon, Saturday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Smallwood were visiting in Oregon, Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kurtz went to see Father and Mother Geivin, Sunday.

—Andy Fryman and Philip Buntz were rusticated in St. Joseph over Sunday.

—Mrs. Will Kneale and children were visiting Mrs. K's parents, the latter part of last week.

—Mesdames Darnell and Fryman visited Mrs. F's mother, Mrs. Sarah Allen, one day last week.

—Mrs. George Young stayed with her mother, Mrs. Bragg, while George was off on a pleasure trip.

—Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Markt and little son, Loyd, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Seth Curtis.

YOU AND I.

Lee Tenders Resignation.

The resignation of Lieutenant Governor Lee was placed in the hands of Governor Dockery on Monday, and is very brief. It reads:

St. Louis, April 27.—To His Highness, A. M. Dockery, Governor of Missouri. Dear Sir: I hereby tender my resignation as lieutenant governor, to take effect at once. Respectfully,

JOHN A. LEE,

Lieutenant Governor.

The resignation bore a special delivery stamp and was delivered to the governor at 7:30 o'clock.

By operation of the constitution, Senator Thomas L. Rubey, of Macon county, president protem of the senate, who represents the ninth senatorial district, succeeds Lee. Senator Rubey is regarded as one of the foremost men in the state and his legislative record is without spot or stain.

The Cause of Good Roads.

If anything is calculated to boost the good roads cause it is the great gathering that assembled in St. Louis this week, in response to the call of the National Good Roads Association.

The attendance amounts to several thousand and is representative of every nook and corner of the entire country. Included among those present are governors, mayors of cities, county commissioners and representatives of state and district good roads organizations throughout the United States.

Many notable men addressed the congress, including President Roosevelt, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Andrew Patullo, member of the Canadian parliament, General Fitzhugh Lee, William J. Bryan, Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, United States Senator Daniel, of Virginia, Congressman Hepburn and Brownlow, Governor Dockery, of Missouri, and others.

W. C. T. U. Convention.

At the W. C. T. U. Convention April 15, Mrs. Lena Botkin of New Point opened the meeting about 10:30 a. m. at Maitland.

A few well known songs were sung. Mrs. Davis led the devotional exercises.

Committees on resolutions and on Etiquette were appointed.

In well chosen words Mrs. Emily Meyer made the women welcome. She was nicely responded to by Mrs. May Praisewater of New Point.

Encouraging reports from the different unions of the county were then read.

Mrs. Emma Bragg of New Point read a well written paper on "The Value of the W. C. T. U. to the Mother and the Home."

A paper showing careful study of the subject, "Narcotics," was given by Mrs. Katherine McNaul.

The noontide praise service was led by Miss Bowers, assisted by others.

The afternoon session began with devotions conducted by Mrs. Bagley.

Minutes of the morning session were read by County Secretary, Mrs. Bragg.

A good paper by Miss Ella O'Fallon on "The Importance and Use of Dues," was read.

The general discussion of the question, "Why should Christian Women be interested in Temperance Work and how can we Enlist Them in the W. C. T. U.," was freely responded to and proved very helpful.

A pleasing reading was given by Miss

Stella Caldwell.

Mrs. Carver took the chair and county officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. Lena Botkin of New Point, President.

Mrs. Chas. Cowan of New Point, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Minnie Williamson, of Maitland, Recording Secretary.

Miss Ella O'Fallon, of Oregon, Treasurer.

A half hour's recess was given which afforded opportunity for visiting and becoming better acquainted was thoroughly enjoyed.

After which Miss Bowers talked to us of our work which will be exhibited at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

The evening exercises consisted of a short miscellaneous program and an excellent address by Rev. Bertha Bowers. They were true and helpful words of which it is hoped her listeners will long remember and profit.

The song by the four little girls, "When Girls Can Vote," and the recitation by Miss Beulah Keiffer were enjoyable numbers of the program. Also the solo by Miss Vienna Goodpasture was especially good.

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The Weather.

Corrected weekly by Leah Kaucher.

PRECIPITATION.			
MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	RAIN.	SNOW.
April.			
23	67.5	44	.01
24	70	55	
25	54	40	
26	61	36	
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28	74	52	
29	67	36	.43

High wind on the 21th, 27th and 28th. Light frost on the 26th.

The snow storm of the morning of April 30th, at which time .75 of an inch fell was exceeded in 1850 when we had a 2-inch fall here on April 21. On April 16, 1893, we had a slight snow fall. On April 20, 22, 23, 1893, ice was formed one-half inch.

Southeast Kansas.

The attention of Land Seekers is directed to the fact that I am representing W. C. Gunn & Co., Ft. Scott, Kan., for Oregon, Forest City and Southern Holt in soliciting people to buy land in six counties in Southeast Kansas, viz: Bourbon, Crawford, Cherokee, Allen, Neosho, Libette, which represent fine farming and grazing land, besides being in the oil and gas belt. Excursions each Tuesday, and the only cost to you is \$7.50, all other expenses will be paid by the company. Don't fail to see me at once for particulars.

R. C. BENTON, Oregon, Mo.

Monarch.

—April showers are common.

—Annie Karr is in Fillmore with Mrs. Worth.

—Sam Karr is a regular visitor at Monarch.

—Grace Garfield Smith visited with Lucile Garner recently.

—J. H. Smith, wife and family, visited with Mr. Lamley, Sunday.

—Mr. Boyd and wife went to see Mrs. Lucinda Huitt, last Sunday.

—Enos Smithers buried their infant babe at the Huitt cemetery April 22.

—Albert Harden, who is working near St. Joseph, visited our community recently.

—D. N. Garner has built a new poultry house in place of the one that was burned down.

—Wisley Karr is working at Amazonia and he visits our vicinity and his best girl very often.

—Rev. Hull, of St. Joseph, was up Sunday and filled his appointment at Monarch school house.

—Lucinda Boyles and several other visitors from Mayflower district, was down to Monarch, last Sunday.

—Eda McCoy was married to Stokely Rice, last week. Eda will be missed in her class at school. We all wish her much joy.

—Jim Smith and Colonel Boyd have commenced to plant the bottom field that was lost by the river last year. They say they lost last year and hope they will make it this year.

—Jim Brown, of Oregon, passed through this vicinity on his way to St. Joseph with stock. He sold a horse to Boyd to drill corn with, as he returned home we noticed he had a fine dog, so look out now he has a guard, no more pilfering around his domain.

—Bad whisky was prominent at Monarch's last meeting, but they were all from other districts. The residents of Monarch are a notch above anything like that. If our citizens would take advantage of the law and have some of the young drunkards arrested that visits Monarch drunk and disorderly, it would be a good lesson to the young and a protection to our community.

CLIFFORD.

To Blossom as the Rose.

Actual work will commence this summer on five huge irrigation projects, which have been undertaken by the national government. Their object is the reclamation of a million acres of land. There are \$10,000,000 on hand to begin the work. This is regarded as "ample to make a beginning."

Government officials are not making any estimates on the amount which will be spent before the work is completed; but they say emphatically that for every dollar of outlay there will be ten fold returns. The desert is to be made to blossom as the rose. The secretary of interior has given his official approval to five irrigation projects, and the lands affected by them have been withdrawn

from entry or sale. They are "impounded," so to speak, until they shall be opened to settlement in accordance with the terms of the new irrigation law.

For many months these localities have been under examination by scores of expert engineers, hydrographers, and surveyors, who have mapped them, measured the waters, explored the supplies, drilled the beds, recorded the flows, and made all manner of estimates calculated to throw light on their adaptability to the ends of irrigation. On the basis of these reports, Prof. F. H. Newell, of the geological survey, recommended them to the secretary, and the latter has given orders that the work go ahead.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Poultry Breeders of Holt County: The Holt County Poultry Association has for its aim and objects the upbuilding of the Poultry interests and the holding of an annual poultry exhibit in Holt county.

The Fifth Annual Show to be held at OREGON, MO., DEC 23 to 26, 1903, promises to "out shine" any show ever held in Northwest Missouri.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK

will be an unusually strong class and we desire to see many new faces in the winners, for that reason we have decided to sell eggs to residents of Holt county for One Dollar per setting and give you free, one year subscription to any one of the following Popular Poultry Journals:

Poultry Gazette, Topeka, Kas.
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YORK'S WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK YARDS contains many prize winners such as "St. Louis King," 1st prize winner at St. Louis, Mo.
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Oregon, Mo.

The Strike in Holland.

There is a lesson in this strike in Holland for those persons of socialistic inclination whose preachments are taking up not a little of the attention of labor's friends. One of their pet claims is that if the government owned and operated all public service corporations, such as railroads, street railways and coal mines, there would be no more strikes.

But here is the strike in Holland to disprove the assertion.

In Holland the government owns more than half of the railroads. For the better control of its property it proposed to pass a law making it a criminal offense for men to go on strike. But before the law was enacted the men took alarm at the blow aimed at their liberty, and struck in the hope of thus preventing the law from passing.

For a time the strike was general throughout the country. Men in the employ of government railroads and privately owned railroads alike refused to turn a hand. Business was substantially at a standstill.

But, as results proved, the strike only strengthened the hands of the government. Men who had previously opposed the bill, began to think there was no other remedy for preserving peace in the land. The measure was enacted into law, was immediately signed by the queen; and now the government can punish those who continue the strike.

A practical demonstration is generally better than any other to show the fallacy of a theory. The socialists, so-called, are not strong, it is true, in this country; but they are aggressive, and they are dangerous. They find their opportunity in the meetings of labor unions where men are ever ready to discuss social conditions and seize upon any brilliant theory that promises to alleviate some present ill. But if one is well informed of actual conditions he is never likely to be at a loss for facts to disprove most any assertion that these theorists make.

For instance, one may ask in this connection: Are the advocates of governmental ownership prepared to endorse the principal of penal prohibition of strikes in the service of the government? —St. Joseph Press.

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